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REMARKS

An outstanding Office Action was mailed August 29, 2005, in which the pending claims were rejected and the rejection was made final. In response, Applicants filed a Request for Continuing Examination and an Amendment on February 28, 2006.

A telephone interview with the Examiner was conducted on March 21, 2006, during which the Applicants' Amendment was discussed. Unfortunately, no agreement was reached as to the allowability of the claims. The Examiner, however, suggested the Applicants add one or more claims directed toward the use of several formulas as disclosed in at least one preferred embodiment of the present invention in order to avoid entry of a final first Office Action.

Presently, Claims 16 -19 are newly added dependent claims directed toward further novel aspects of at least one embodiment of the present invention. It should be understood, Applicants intend no change in the scope of the claims by the changes made by this amendment. It should also be noted, these amendments are not in acquiescence of the Office's position on the allowability of the claims, but merely to expedite prosecution.

Applicants would also like to note its continued traversal of the present rejections as set forth in the outstanding Office Action for the reasons set forth in the Applicants' Amendment, dated February 28, 2006, which this submission supplements; therefore, the Remarks of said Amendment are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

To summarize, Applicants maintain their position that the prior art fails to teach or suggest the present invention's "language model probabilities," but instead relates to,

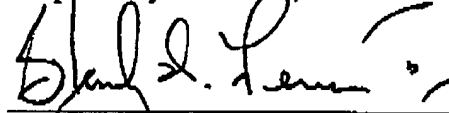
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as best understood, language model and acoustic model "scores," which are not interchangeable equivalent terms.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 8, and 15 fully distinguish over the applied art and are thus in condition for allowance. By virtue of dependence from what are believed to be allowable independent Claims 1, 8, and 15, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2-7, and 9-14, and 16-19 are also presently allowable.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, including Claims 1-19, is presently in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is hereby earnestly solicited. If there are any additional issues in this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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